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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RESTRICTIONS ON CP AIR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS LIFTED.

1. GOC HAS ELIMINATED REQUIREMENT IMPOSED IN MID-SIXTIES THAT ALL CP AIR TRANS-CONTINENTAL FLIGHTS ORIGINATING VANCOUVER TERMINATE AT MONTREAL AND VICE VERSA. GOC RATIONALE FOR ACTION, ACCORDING TO TRANSPORT MINISTER MARCHAND AS REPORTED IN PRESS, IS BASED ON RECOGNITION RESTRICTION PRODUCES SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF UNPRODUCTIVE FLYING WHICH LACKS EFFECTIVE DEMAND AND ALSO INCREASED FUEL COSTS.

2. COMMENT: RESTRICTION IMPOSED ORIGINALLY TO ASSURE THAT DOMINANT DOMESTIC POSITION OF AIR CANADA WAS MAINTAINED AND HAS BEEN UNDER FIRE FOR SOME TIME FROM WESTERN INTERESTS WHO IDENTIFY MORE WITH CP AIR THAN WITH AIR CANADA. EFFECT SHOULD BE TO PERMIT GREATER UTILIZATION OF EQUIPMENT BY CP AIR. SPECIFIC NEW SERVICES, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE OFFERED UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION WHICH IN TURN WILL PROVIDE AIR CANADA WITH OPPORTUNITY CONTEST SPECIFIC CP AIR PROPOSALS; E.G., VANCOUVER-TORONTO, MONTREAL-WINNIPEG TURNAROUND FLIGHTS.
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